

**ASSOCIATION FOR REACHING & INSTRUCTING  
CHILDREN IN AFRICA**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

In setting our objectives and providing services our trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Our objectives are:

- to advance the Christian religion amongst children in Africa;
- to advance the education of such children; and
- to relieve such children who are in conditions of need, hardship, distress or illness.

The objectives of the charity have been achieved by the sponsorship of children in Uganda. The work done by the charity is made public on the charity's website, [www.africawithlove.co.uk](http://www.africawithlove.co.uk).

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

As a school we have advanced and have now been given status as an exam centre for primary and high school exams. During the lockdown, we had about 10 staff who stayed in the school to look after things and during this time the whole place was cleaned thoroughly and a big achievement was to plant fruit and vegetables to help sustain and add to our high food needs. We were understandably slow with donations during the year of the lockdown but we feel happy we have come through with the village still working well and that all children and staff are back to full time education.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity had incoming resources of £97,818(2019: £102,503). During the year, £92,719 (2019: £92,212) was spent aiding children in Africa, helping to achieve the objectives of the charity with the majority of funds going to the betterment of the schools and children.

The trustees will endeavour to maintain sufficient general funds to cover the day to day management costs, whilst releasing the maximum possible sums to fund the sponsored children and projects, as and when required from the general funds available. At the year end, the charity held reserves of £131,022 (2019: £124,409).

**Reserves policy**

The sponsorship fund represents monies given specifically to sponsor a student and the expenses associated with this. The projects fund represents funds for building works. The unrestricted fund is available for future use at the discretion of the trustees. The trustees aim to maintain the unrestricted reserve at a level to cover administrative costs of the charity.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 19th August 1999 no. 03828538 and registered as a charity no. 1079952, and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 19th August 1999.

The charity must have a board of trustees of between three and eleven trustees. The current board meet regularly to administer the charity. E Lansdowne is the administrator and runs the day to day running of the office with the guidance and input of R and G Willard.

New trustees are appointed on the basis of nominations received from current board members. Considerations include eligibility, personal competence, specialist skills and availability. New trustees are inducted into the workings of the charity by the existing members of the board in the UK and by taking an active role whilst in Uganda. All trustees are required to provide a valid DBS record check and are given a copy of the trustees' code.

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis. The trustees are involved in the day to day operations of the charity to such an extent that they are aware of maintaining certain levels of funding to ensure resources are available to continue operation. They have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**  
03828538 (England and Wales)